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SUBJECT: TRAVEL REFUSALS

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1. ON JUNE 20, MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER VASILYEV INFORMED TRAVEL OFFICER THAT REQUEST BY SECOND SECRETARY MORRIS HUGHES AND WIFE TO TRAVEL TO TALLINN AND RIGA JUNE 20-23 WAS REFUSED FOR "REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE" (ROTN). TRAVEL DENIAL CAME SIX HOURS BEFORE HUGHES' WERE DUE TO BOARD TRAIN FOR TALLINN.

2. TRAVEL OFFICER PROTESTED TO VASILYEV THAT TRIP WAS PROBABLY LAST WHICH HUGHES FAMILY WOULD MAKE IN SOVIET UNION SINCE THEY ARE LEAVING IN EARLY JULY, AND ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION. VASILYEV ADVISED THAT ANY REVERSAL OF DECISION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM USA DESK, AND ASKED TRAVEL OFFICER TO TAKE COMPLAINT THERE. AT HUGHES' REQUEST, COMPLAINT WAS DROPPED.

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3. COMMENT: TRAVEL REFUSAL COMES IN WAKE OF NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS THIS MONTH BY EMBOFFS HUGHES AND SMITH TO TRAVEL TO KALUGA TO ATTEND POSSIBLE GINZBURG TRIAL. FIRST ATTEMPT, REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO KALUGA JUNE 4-8, WAS MET WITH REFUSAL FOR "ROTN" DAY BEFORE TRIP WAS TO BEGIN. HUGHES AND SMITH THEN FILED SECOND NOTE FOR TRAVEL TO KALUGA JUNE 7-9. THIS NOTE WAS

REGISTERED JUNE 6, BUT MODE OF TRAVEL WAS CHANGED FROM CAR TO TRAIN. RUMORS OF IMMINENT GINZBURG TRIAL THEN SUBSIDED, AND HUGHES AND SMITH DID NOT MAKE TRIP. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO FILE NOTES AT REGULAR INTERVALS JUST IN CASE TRIAL SHOULD MATERIALIZE WITH NO PRIOR WARNING. SOVIET AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE BECOME IRRITATED WITH THIS BEHAVIOR AND CHOSEN TO "PUNISH" HUGHES BY NOT ALLOWING HIM TO GO ON TALLINN-RIGA TRIP. SMITH HAS NOT YET FILED FOR TRAVEL THIS MONTH (OTHER THAN KALUGA).

4. TALLINN-RIGA TRAVEL REFUSAL IS REMINISCENT OF SOVIET TREATMENT METED OUT TO FIRST SECRETARY PRESEL IN THE SUMMER OF 1977 (REF B). AS IN PRESEL CASE, MFA'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW HUGHES TO TRAVEL TO USUALLY OPEN CITIES MAY REFLECT SOVIET DISPLEASURE OVER HIS CONTACTS WITH NON-OFFICIAL SOVIETS. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT FULLY AND PROMPTLY INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON RETALIATION. MATLOCK

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